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JOINT EMBASSY/DEA/LEGATT MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REGIONAL INTERPOL NARCOTICS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

REF: STATE 117419

1. ALTHOUGH THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT
THE PROPOSED REGIONAL INTERPOL NARCOTICS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
WOULD BE OF SOME BENEFIT TO MULTILATERAL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT
EFFORTS, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS AN INHERENT
DANGER THAT SUCH A SYSTEM COULD BECOME A SOURCE OF INFORMATION
FOR NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS AS WELL. CORRUPTION AMONG POLICE
OFFICIALS IN MANY, IF NOT MOST, OF THE COUNTRIES TO BE
SERVICED BY THE PROPOSED NARCOTICS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM HAS
BEEN MENTIONED IN CABLES AND OTHER OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE FAR
TOO OFTEN TO BE IGNORED.

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2. IF THE PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IS
ESTABLISHED, ADEQUATE SCREENING OF THOSE POLICE
OFFICIALS WITH ACCESS TO NARCOTICS INFORMATION HANDLED
BY THE SYSTEM WILL BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE.
ADDITIONALLY, IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT ONCE THE EXISTENCE
OF SUCH A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK IS KNOWN TO MAJOR
NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS, AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE BY THE

TRAFFICKERS TO GAIN ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN THE SYSTEM.
THUS, IF SENSITIVE NARCOTICS INFORMATION IS TRANSMITTED
BY THE SYSTEM, THERE IS DANGER THAT THE INFORMATION MAY
BE COMPROMISED. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, SENSITIVE
INFORMATION IS WITHHELD, THE OVERALL VALUE OF THE SYSTEM
WILL BE DECREASED ACCORDINGLY.

3. THE RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED ABOVE SHOULD BY NO MEANS
BE CONSIDERED AS OPPOSITION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. HOWEVER, THEY SHOULD BE CON-
SIDERED ALONG WITH OTHER FACTORS, BOTH PRO AND CON,
BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE TO IMPLEMENT OR NOT TO
IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL.

4. GIVEN OUR RESERVATIONS, WE WANTED DEPT. TO HAVE
CHANCE TO CONSIDER THEM BEFORE WE APPROACHED INTERPOL HERE.

5. ADVISE WHETHER YOU WISH US TO PROCEED WITH CONTACTS
HERE.
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